

**We claim:**

1. A method of amplifying an envelope-defective retrovirus by exposing said retrovirus to a cell comprising a virus envelope gene, wherein virus envelope encoded by said gene complements said retrovirus.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is expressed at the surface of a virus particle produced by said cell.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is expressed by said cell.

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